

The LIBRARY



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Young Junior High School Library

In January 1922 when the new building was completed, the library was merely a place for depositing books and was located in what is now the teacher's lounge room. The books were checked out in groups of about forty by the teachers for each room.

In 1924-25 the books were catalogued, but they were still in the same place. Miss Timmerman, assisted by Miss Genevieve Waddell, catalogued our books. The latter left us at the end of that year. There were a little more than one thousand books then. These were selected from "Graded List of Books For Children" put out by American Library Association, "Children's Reading" by Terman-Lemar, "Winnetha Graded Book List" published by American Literary Association and other recognized lists.

In 1926-1927, we had our first student librarians. They were Elizabeth Espy and Carolyn McCallum.

In 1928 the addition to the building made it possible for us to have a library in connection with a study hall. Two student librarians had charge each period and pupils had the opportunity of using the library during study hall. These librarians were trained in the proper care of books through the medium of the Library Club.

We began, at this time, to select our books from "The Children's Catalog" and "The Standard Catalog for High Schools."

In the year that we moved we spent something over six hundred dollars (\$600) in building up our library. The next year about one thousand dollars (\$1,000) was spent. In 1930 we spent around nine hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$925). In 1931 the closing of the bank caused us to lose most of our

money so not much was available for the library that year. Since that time we have averaged around two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) per year. This has been obtained from the fifty cent annual fee that has been paid by the pupils since 1928.

In the last three years we have selected our books from "Leisure Reading", a list put out by "The Council of Teachers of English".

This year 1934-35 marked a new change in our checking system. Each student was given a card as a receipt for his library fee. On the card are two spaces for dates; the one on the right is for the date the book is returned, and the one on the left is for the date it is due. The space in the middle is for the number of the book. If the pupil turns in a book and does not have it stamped off, he is responsible for the book. Three librarians have been appointed instead of the customary two.

Two of our outstanding additions this year are a new edition of "Compton's Encyclopedia" and "Authors Today and Yesterday".

At the present time we have something over three thousand two hundred (3,200) volumes which are completely catalogued by the Dewey-Decimal System (card catalog and accession record).

There are also a card catalog and an accession record which make our library a modern one, and Young Junior High School should feel deeply indebted to Miss Ruth Timmerman, our able librarian, through whose efforts this department has become such an asset to our institution.

During the 1938-1939 term several volumes were purchased for the library of outstanding value in addition to the usual fiction, travel and adventure books. These include Concise Universal Biography edited by J. A. Hammerton, History of Alabama and Dictionary of Alabama Biography by Thomas M. Owens in four volumes and finally American Authors 1600-1900 by Kunity and Haycraft.

During the 1939-1940 term panels of Copies of the Alabama Seal, Flag, and Coat of Arms were placed in the Study Hall.

New editions of Compton's Pictured Encyclopedia and World Book were added in 1940-1941.

In 1944-1945 Sears, Roebuck and Company presented a set of twelve volumes of Britannica Junior Encyclopaedia to the school.

Each year the school adds from 150 to 200 books to the library.

From 1942-1945, Colfax Christian served as librarian, while Mrs. Mack Jones served during the 1946-1947 term. In 1947 Martha Sanders took over the position and upon her leaving Gloria Kennedy became librarian in the fall of 1949.

With the beginning of the 1952-1953 term Carolyn McCallum assumed the duties of librarian.

The transfer of the ninth grade to Senior High School this year and the arrival of six sections of sixth graders created a need for library books suited to a younger student body. More than one thousand dollars was spent in obtaining additional books to meet these needs. New editions of World Book and Compton's Pictured Encyclopedia were purchased at this time.